



AGENDA

**Joint Workshop Meeting
City of Bryan and City of College Station
Planning & Zoning Commissions
Thursday, April 30, 2009, at 11:30 a.m.
Council Chambers, Bryan Municipal Building
300 South Texas Avenue, Bryan, Texas**

1. Call to order.

Bryan Planning and Zoning Commission Chairperson Clark called the Bryan Planning and Zoning Commission meeting to order at 11:50 a.m.

College Station Planning and Zoning Commission Chairperson Nichols called the College Station Planning and Zoning Commission meeting to order at 11:50 a.m.

Bryan Commission members present: Mr. Michael Beckendorf, Mr. John Bond, Ms. Helen Chavarria, Mr. John Clark, Mr. Ralph Davila, Mr. Robert Horton, Mr. G.H. Jones, Mr. Don Maxwell, and Mr. Michael Parks.

College Station Commission members present: Mr. Noel Bauman, Mr. Paul Greer, Mr. John Nichols, Mr. Douglas Slack, Mr. Hugh Stearns, and Mr. Thomas Woodfin.

Bryan staff members present: Mr. Kevin Russell, Director of Development Services; Ms. Lindsey Guindi, Assistant Director of Development Services; Mr. Martin Zimmermann, Planning Administrator; Ms. Julie Fulgham, Project Planner; Mr. Randy Haynes, Staff Planner; Mr. Lee Veness, Assistant City Attorney; and Mr. Brent Elliott, Planning Intern.

College Station staff members present: Mr. Bob Cowell, Director; Mr. Lance Simms, Assistant Director; Ms. Lindsay Kramer, Senior Planner; Mr. Joe Guerra, Transportation Planner; Ms. Chrissy Hartl, Staff Planner; Ms. Lauren Hoyde, Staff Planner; Mr. Matt Robinson, Staff Planner; Ms. Brittany Caldwell, Staff Assistant; and Ms. Carla Robinson.

2. Introduction of City of Bryan Planning and Zoning Commissioners and staff.

Mr. Zimmermann introduced Bryan Commissioners and staff.

3. Introduction of City of College Station Planning and Zoning Commissioners and staff.

Mr. Bob Cowell introduced College Station Commissioners and staff.

4. Staff presentation, discussion and possible action and/or direction to staff regarding the following issues and projects:

a. Joint Gateway and Corridor Subcommittee Report.

Ms. Julie Fulgham provided a brief overview of the Report.

The Commissioners discussed the emphasis of focus areas; more specifically related to the Northgate/South College Avenue and University Drive East Corridors. Discussion included information regarding the possibility of a pedestrian walkway under University Drive in the University Drive East Corridor and the development patterns of the Northgate/South College Avenue area.

Commissioner Parks moved to adopt the Joint Gateway and Corridor Subcommittee Report. Commissioner Beckendorf seconded the motion.

Chairperson Clark asked if there was any discussion. There was none.

The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

College Station Commissioners also adopted the Joint Gateway and Corridor Subcommittee Report.

b. City of College Station Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Bob Cowell stated that the Comprehensive Plan for the City of College Station has been completed and will hopefully be adopted soon by the College Station City Council.

Mr. Cowell discussed a brief overview of the plan as well as the focus areas. The plan will be presented at a public hearing on May 7 and is pending approval by the College Station City Council on May 28.

c. Strong and Sustainable Neighborhoods Initiative/Rental Registration (College Station).

Mr. Cowell stated that the registration of rental properties has been underway. He stated that approximately 4,000 single family households have been registered and that the remaining 1,000 will be registered by the end of May. Mr. Cowell also stated that the program may evolve into an inspection process.

d. Sidewalk fund ordinance (Bryan).

Mr. Randy Haynes stated that the city wishes for more sidewalks throughout the city. Therefore, throughout the past ten years, the city has required developers to construct sidewalks when developing a property. However, when you have a redevelopment that result in small sidewalk additions, there is generally not comprehensive public benefit. Thus, a recent ordinance allowed money from developments where sidewalk additions are required can be deposited into a fund which would be applied to the maintenance of existing sidewalks or additional sidewalks in a more comprehensive approach.

e. Annexation update (College Station).

The annexation process which was initiated in March of last year is still being implemented. Areas 1 & 2 have been the points of focus initially. Initiation of annexation procedures in Area 3 by the fall. Finally, a service plan will be prepared before the annexation will be completed.

f. Annexation update (Bryan).

Mr. Martin Zimmermann updated the joint commission that on April 29th of 2009, the Bryan City Council directed staff to cease annexation proceedings until further notice.

5. Discussion on future joint meeting agenda items.

Interest was expressed by both commissions regarding updates on the City of College Station's Rental Registration Program and the level of success with this program at the next meeting. It was recommended that a College Station Police Officer present this to the committees.

Interest was expressed in receiving updates from Texas A&M University regarding the University Drive construction, F&B Road construction, and the South College construction area. It was recommended that interaction with Texas A&M University would benefit the Commissions. Vice President Chuck Sippial, was suggested as the Texas A&M University representative for the next joint commission meeting.

Interest was expressed in an update on the College Station Tree Preservation Ordinance at the next joint commission meeting.

A request was made for an update on the City of College Station's Hike and Bike Plan at the next joint commission meeting. It was recommended that the focus of the plan be on connectivity of bike routes with relation to the parks of both cities.

A request was made for a presentation of the Southwest Bryan Highest and Best Use Study to discuss the development activity along Highway 47 and near the Health Science Center campus.

6. Adjourn.

Without objection, both Commissions adjourned the joint meeting at 12:55 p.m.